

## session 9: **handout** PAYMENT PAINS

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**SCENARIO #1** - Rosemary is a noncustodial parent whose child support is set at \$400 per month, based on her former salary as a sales manager for a communications company. The company has recently experienced a business slowdown, and Rosemary's gross monthly salary has been reduced by 30%. The company is still in trouble, and she is worried she may lose her job. Meanwhile, her child support is still being deducted from a much lower net pay. Her other obligations (car, rent, gas, food) are going unpaid. What can she do?

**SCENARIO #2** - Jack has never paid his child support on time. He is self employed and often forgets to mail a check to the Child Support State Disbursement Unit. He has attempted to borrow money to expand his business, but his credit history is a deterrent. Finally, Jack receives a summons to come to court with \$5,000 in back child support payments. What can he do? What might happen to Jack?

**SCENARIO #3** - Miguel is an independent taxi cab driver who works hard to make a living. He is a contract employee, so he must make his child support payments by check or money order. Times being tough, he often skips a month or two. He has ignored collection letters from the child support agency, but the last letter stated the intention of suspending his driver's license. This could cost him his job. What can Miguel do?